

families and to support themselves and they can't resist it. Some people just can't resist the temptation, and I think it is our responsibility not to offer that temptation in the first place and that is why I will be supporting the kill motion on this bill. Now beyond that philosophical argument, there is another philosophical argument that I think has got to be emphasized today and that is exactly what myth a lottery perpetrates and that is that we can get something for nothing, that by putting down a dollar or ten dollars or a hundred dollars, we can win a thousand or ten thousand or a hundred thousand dollars, that we can get something for nothing. That is what a lottery is telling the people of this state, that we can be winners without work, and I think that it is absolutely essential that we not move more in that direction. I think we have seen too much of an erosion of the work ethic in this state and country where people feel that they can do, as I have just said, get something for nothing and that is what I believe a lottery perpetrates. That is a myth. You have got to earn what you gain in this state and country I would believe and I believe that we have to continue to emphasize that fact and so I worry about the fact that a lottery can turn around and again tell people that putting down a dollar can win you a hundred or a thousand or whatever it may be that the lottery would offer and I think that is wrong and, philosophically, I think we need to move back toward the work ethic and away from this sort of a winner without work ethic which I think is unfortunate and has been destructive and so I support the kill motion on LB 612.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just to make a point that presently our Constitution allows lotteries for community improvement and you don't see communities using this provision that is allowed by the Constitution so I guess the people in the State of Nebraska aren't asking for this bill to be passed or they would be using the present means of raising funds and we know that communities do have a need for funds for community improvement. My local community was trying to get a swimming pool built a number of years ago and I pointed to the Constitution and said they could have a lottery and raise the money because the taxpayers voted it down but nobody in my community went to the effort of establishing a lottery for this purpose. So I think I will support Senator Chambers on his kill motion. I think the people in the State of Nebraska are not asking for us to pass this bill.